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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re National Stage of International Application No. PCT/IB02/02967 under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of:	) ) ) Group Art Unit: 1791 `
Marco RUZZIER et al.	) Examiner: Belyaev, Yana
Application No.: 10/522,557	) ) ) Confirmation No.: 8847
§ 371 Date: August 18, 2006	)
PCT Filing Date: July 31, 2002	) )
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MEASURING THE WEIGHT OF AN OPTICAL FIBER PREFORM DURING A CHEMICAL DEPOSITION PROCESS FOR FORMING THE PREFORM	) ) )
Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	
Sir:	

## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Office Action dated August 24, 2009, Applicants respectfully request examination of the application on the merits in view of the remarks below.